



## UMPI receives four top U.S. News rankings

University officials are pleased to announce that the institution earned four top rankings on *U.S. News and World Report's* 2015 Best Colleges list. In this year's annual rankings, UMPI was named among the 50 Best Regional Colleges in the North, the 15 Top Public Schools in the North, the top 10 Regional Colleges in the North for graduates with least debt, and the top 20 Best Regional Colleges in the North for Veterans.

"We are delighted to again be recognized in *U.S. News and World Report's* Best Colleges List and are very honored to have received four rankings for the hard work we do as an institution to provide a high quality and low cost education for our students," UMPI President Linda Schott said. "We're dedicated to offering an education that puts the student first—both in terms of personalized learning where they have a voice and choice in what and how they learn, and in terms of affordability through excellent financial aid opportunities and low tuition."

In its Best Regional Colleges in the North ranking, UMPI

was listed as #46, earning it first tier status. The ranking defines regional colleges as schools that focus on undergraduate education but grant fewer than half their degrees in liberal arts disciplines. The north region includes Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware and Maryland.

UMPI was listed as #15 in the Top Public Schools ranking list for Regional Colleges in the North. The ranking defines public colleges and universities as those that are typically operated under the supervision of state governments and funded, in part, by tax dollars and subsidies from the state. Such universities often offer free or discounted tuition to students considered residents of the state.

In its third ranking, the University was short-listed among Regional Colleges in the North for graduates with the least debt. U.S. News compiled a list of schools whose Class of 2013 graduated with the lightest debt load. The data included loans taken out by students from their colleges, from private financial institutions, and from federal, state, and local governments. UMPI

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## Local couple presents major gift

A local couple has stepped forward with a major gift to the University to assist the campus in its efforts to promote the cultural arts in Aroostook County and to serve as a cultural hub for the region.

Ray and Sandy Gauvin of Mapleton, well-known for their many County endeavors including the Aroostook Aspirations Initiative, have gifted the University a 75-acre woodlot and building located at 640 State

Road in Mapleton. The couple also is donating all of its maple syrup production equipment to the University.

The proceeds from this donation may serve as a lead gift toward UMPI's Auditorium Renovation Project or the land and "Sugar Lodge" may be utilized as an outdoor living laboratory in the University's academic endeavors. The University is considering the best use of this generous gift that will support the long term goals of the

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Ray & Sandy Gauvin

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## UMPI creates new tradition with Fall Convocation

**W**ieden Gymnasium was filled with cheering, noise-makers, laughter, and song as the University celebrated its first-ever Fall Convocation, meant to welcome the incoming freshman class as they joined the UMPI family.

The hugely successful event, held on Sept. 9, was themed around the question, “Where Will Your Wings Take You?” which references UMPI’s mascot, the snowy owl, and the name given to members of the campus community—UMPI Owls. UMPI recently started a new tradition utilizing the owl to symbolize a student’s growth throughout his or her education. When students receive their acceptance letter, they are given a white feather and when they graduate, they receive a snowy owl lapel pin and are asked to share where their wings have taken them on the newly created website <http://yourwings.umpi.edu>.

As part of Convocation, all members of the campus community were given T-shirts that feature a white feather and the question “Where Will Your Wings Take You?” T-shirts were in various colors to represent individual academic programs—for example, light blue for Education, crimson for English, purple for Criminal Justice, and tie dye for undeclared—and staff members received blue T-shirts. Faculty, staff and upperclassmen and women in their T-shirts then crowded the bleachers and cheered on the Class of 2018 as they took part in a procession into the gym.

President Linda Schott gave a welcome and the University’s new alma mater “Rise Up, Presque Isle” by folk singer/songwriter Ellis Paul was played. The induction of new students was led by Provost Ray Rice—students were called up to the stage by academic program to the cheers, spirit fingers and other celebratory props of their fellow majors. All new students were presented with their very own “wings” T-shirts by Dr. Jason Johnston, Chair of the College of Arts and Sciences, and Barb Blackstone, Chair of the College of Professional Programs and College of Education.

Following a special musical perform-

ance by Lee Stetson, one of the members of the Class of 2018, and “words of wisdom” by Tori Winslow of the Class of 2015, all of the classes (2015-2018) were presented with their official class banners, Blackstone delivered closing remarks, and new students participated in a jubilant recessional. The event capped off with a barbeque and Blue & Gold Block Party on the lawns between Wieden Hall and Folsom-Pullen Hall.

As a way to keep celebrating, UMPI has declared the third Monday of every month to be Majors Monday. All members of the campus community are encouraged to wear their special T-shirts on this day. They’re also invited to upload a photo or “selfie” to Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram with #UMPIowls for a chance to win a \$50 Amazon Gift Card or a \$50 Governors Gift Card. For the fall, Majors Mondays will take place on Oct. 20, Nov. 17 and Dec. 15. ★



Class of 2018

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came in at #7 after the United States Coast Guard Academy (CT), United States Merchant Marine Academy (NY), Dean College (MA), Cooper Union (NY), Fisher College (MA), and Farmingdale State College-SUNY (NY).

Garnering its fourth top ranking, UMPI was #16 in the Best Colleges for Veterans among Regional Colleges in the North listing. This ranking spotlights institutions that are helping veterans to pursue a college education under the Post-9/11 GI Bill. Specifically, this list recognizes schools that participate in federal

initiatives to help veterans and active service members apply, pay for and complete their degrees.

*U.S. News and World Report* has published its Best Colleges rankings since 1983. According to its website, the rankings provide an excellent starting point for families searching for the best academic value for their money and allow them to compare, at a glance, the relative quality of institutions based on such widely accepted indicators of excellence as freshman retention and graduation rates and the strength of the faculty. ★

## Organic farming expert to give DLS talk

The University is pleased to announce that it will kick off its 2014-2015 University Distinguished Lecturer Series with a talk by Eliot Coleman, a nationally known organic farming expert and the author of *The New Organic Grower*, *Four Season Harvest* and *The Winter Harvest Handbook*. Coleman will deliver his talk, *Nothing Is Impossible: The Possibilities of Feeding the World*, on Tuesday, Sept. 23, at 7 p.m. in the Campus Center. Coleman's talk is free and the public is invited attend.

Coleman will discuss the relationship between modern education and agriculture and how a successful agriculture can strengthen

our relationship with the natural world.

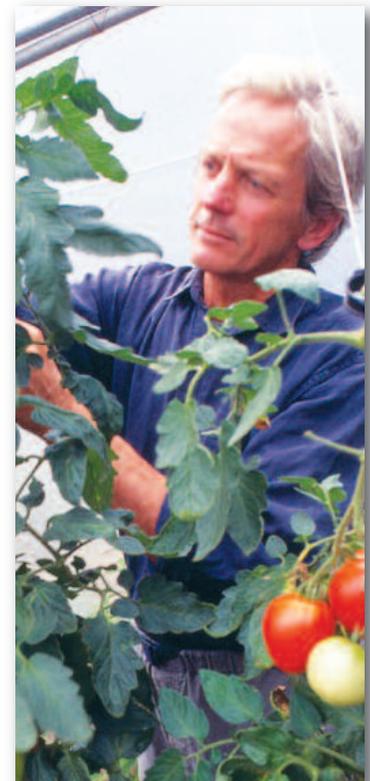
He has more than 40 years of experience in all aspects of organic farming, including field vegetables, rotational grazing of cattle and sheep, and range poultry. With fellow writer Barbara Damrosch, Coleman owns and operates Four Season Farm, an experimental market garden in Harborside, Maine, that produces vegetables year-round and has become a nationally recognized model of small-scale sustainable agriculture. Together, the two hosted the TV series *Gardening Naturally* on The Learning Channel.

Coleman served for two years as the Executive

Director of the International Federation of Organic Agriculture Movements and was an advisor to the U.S. Department of Agriculture during its landmark 1979-80 study, "Report and Recommendations on Organic Farming."

Coleman has conducted study tours of organic farms, market gardens, orchards and vineyards in Europe and has successfully combined European ideas with his own to develop and popularize a complete system of tools and equipment for organic vegetable growers. He presently consults and designs tools for Johnny's Selected Seeds.

For more information, call 768.9452. ★



Eliot Coleman

photo: Rob Cordillo

## UMPI partners with StraighterLine on affordable pathway

The University has partnered with StraighterLine, a leading provider of affordable, flexible and transferrable online college courses, to give students across the nation another affordable pathway to its 30 liberal arts and professional degree programs.

The two are providing students with online courses that create a flexible and affordable degree path to UMPI, helping students save a significant amount on their full degree program.

"We're very pleased to announce our partnership with StraighterLine and to provide students from across the U.S. with the opportunity to complete their general education courses online with StraighterLine and then finish their undergraduate experience through one of our degree programs," UMPI President

Linda Schott said. "We're confident that students coming to us from StraighterLine will be very pleased with our very affordable and high quality courses."

Because StraighterLine's focus is on providing general education courses, their students look at universities across the country to pick the degree program that fits them best and then transfer their StraighterLine credits to that university. Becoming one of StraighterLine's partners enables a university to increase potential transfer students' awareness of their programs sooner and to connect more efficiently.

In announcing the partnership, offi-

cial noted that high tuition rates have put many colleges and universities out of reach for an increasing number of people and that completing general education courses online can significantly cut the cost of a college degree.

UMPI currently offers one of the most competitively-priced college education opportunities in the Northeast, and recently lowered its out-of-state tuition rates by 40 percent. Partnering with StraighterLine further expands on UMPI's commitment to cut cost for students. StraighterLine's online college courses start as low as \$148 and, through the new partnership with UMPI, all approved general education courses completed at StraighterLine can now be used as prerequisites for a number of UMPI's degree programs. ★





## UMPI celebrates Homecoming 2014

The University hosted another jam-packed Homecoming celebration from Sept. 18-21, offering everything from socials, performances, and athletic events to alumni games and the annual Hall of Fame dinner.

Festivities began on Thursday, Sept. 18, with two crowd pleasers: the unique "Dark Dining" experience took participants on a journey of taste, sound and touch—in the dark. Cary Medical Center brought the event to Homecoming as part of its Healthy YOU programs. Later in the evening, post-modern vaudeville group Dakaboom Live! took the stage in Wieden. The two-man routine

offered a unique brand of humor as they gave nods to genres from musical theater and hip hop to opera and electronica.

On Friday, Sept. 19, the Alumni Spaghetti Supper and Auction took place at the Campus Center and the night capped off with the annual Alumni and Friends Social in Frankie's Lounge at the Presque Isle Inn and Convention Center.

The fun continued on Saturday, Sept. 20, with the Homecoming Alumni and Friends Brunch. The classes of 2004 (10 years), 1989 (25 years), and 1964 (50 years) were honored and two special alumni awards were given.

Arthur "Skip" Hanson, Class of 1966, received the Distinguished Educator of the Year Award, and Ginny Joles, Class of 1986, was presented with the Distinguished Alumni Award.

The day included many more events, such as: the Women's and Men's soccer games vs. Fisher College; the Pie-a-Kappa! fundraiser that benefited the family of Kappa sister Shelly Rogers; three volleyball games—UMPI vs. Unity College, University of Maine at Machias vs. Unity, and UMPI vs. UMM; and the Alumni and Families "Swim and Gym." That evening, the annual Athletics Hall of Fame Dinner was held. Two alumni were

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inducted in the UMPI Athletics Hall of Fame during the event: Shawn Manter '93 and Erica Davis '09.

Comedian Bob Marley served as the main event for this year's Homecoming festivities. The show was sponsored in part by University Credit Union and TownSquare Media.

The last day of Homecoming, Sunday, Sept. 21, served as an Alumni Sport Day with the Men's and Women's Alumni Soccer games and an Outdoor Community Band Concert on the Campus Center lawn. ★

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campus. In honor of the Gauvins' significant contribution, the Wieden Hall facility will be known as the Raynold and Sandra Gauvin Family Center for Cultural Arts.

"We are so pleased to receive such a generous gift from Ray and Sandy, who have supported the County in so many ways over the years, and are delighted that this gift will help us to support our cultural arts efforts and academic programming for northern Maine," UMPI President Linda Schott said. "Ray and Sandy are long-time supporters of higher education and patrons of the arts, so this is such a fitting gift. Together, we hope this will help us to leverage even more community support for our Auditorium Renovation Project, cultural arts endeavors, and other academic programs."

The Gauvins explained that they wanted to give this gift in particular to help ensure that the University receives the support it needs to renovate its

auditorium and continue providing quality cultural arts experiences for the region.

"We are aware that for the current UMPI student body, as well as visiting students from Northern Maine Community College, it is important to have a utilitarian and versatile place in which students can learn and be entertained," Sandy Gauvin said.

"Since we live in a rural part of the state, it is important for us to be able to attract events that will enrich the lives of our residents," Ray Gauvin said. "We are excited about the project and all of its possibilities and look forward to revitalizing this historic venue, making it once again a robust cultural venue for both the university and our greater community."

A graduate of the University of Maine at Portland, Ray Gauvin has owned franchises of Advantage Payroll Service in Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Vermont. This business became the largest payroll processing

firm, not only in Aroostook County, but in the State of Maine as well, with payrolls processed all over the New England area. He is a Vietnam veteran, a renowned businessman (recently retired), and a well-respected philanthropist in Aroostook County.

Sandy Gauvin graduated from the University of Maine System and has a Master's degree from the University of New England. She is a 25-year veteran of the education profession, teaching in both SAD #20 and SAD #1. She has served on several local, regional and state non-profit boards such as The Learning Disability Association of Maine, Homeless Services of Aroostook, the Northern Maine Community College Foundation Board, and the Aroostook County Fund of the Maine Community Foundation, among others.

For more information about the Auditorium Renovation Project or to make a donation, please visit [www.umpi.edu/theater](http://www.umpi.edu/theater). ★

## UMPI, Siyuan officials establish transnational college

Officials with UMPI and Siyuan University, located in Xi'an, China, participated in the formal signing of a collaborative agreement between the two institutions to establish a transnational college in China.

The University has maintained a formal relationship with Siyuan since 2009, with Siyuan students traveling to UMPI to complete their education in the U.S. All Siyuan students who have taken advantage of this opportunity have successfully earned degrees from UMPI. The new agreement, initially proposed by Siyuan University, involves the creation of a joint Chinese-American college that would offer degrees in Business, Education, and Environmental Studies. Students will receive UMPI's new international tuition rate for the courses they take and graduates from this college will receive degrees from both UMPI and Siyuan.

"We are so pleased to be partnering with Siyuan University on this exciting venture," UMPI President Linda Schott said. "This agreement is one of the results of our visit to Beijing and Xi'an in May and really strengthens our collaborative efforts with Siyuan University to provide educational opportunities to students in China.

Mr. Yanbo Zhou, Chairman of the Siyuan University Board and President of the Bohua Group that oversees the University,



Mr. Yanbo Zhou, Chairman of the Siyuan University Board, and UMPI President Linda Schott shake hands after signing an agreement on Aug. 12 to establish a transnational college in China.

and Mr. Weiqiang Wu, Vice President of the Bohua Group, represented Siyuan during the signing of the agreement. UMPI hosted Zhou and Wu during their visit to the U.S. in August. The establishment of the joint college is expected to occur by Fall 2015 and Siyuan University anticipates a maximum enrollment of 960 students. Siyuan University currently serves about 18,000 students. ★

## Husson, UMPI sign 4+1 agreements

Officials with UMPI and Husson University held a signing ceremony to finalize two articulation agreements that increase transferability for UMPI students who want to continue their educa-

tion in two of Husson's master's degree programs—its Master of Science in Criminal Justice Administration and its Master of Business Administration.

Where a typical course of study would take 4 years for a bachelor's degree and 2 years for a master's degree, these '4+1' agreements will allow UMPI students to complete their two degrees in as little as 5 years.

Marie Hansen, Husson University's College of Business Dean, and Ray Rice, UMPI Provost and Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs, led the official signing of the documents, which can be utilized by students starting Sept. 1.

"This agreement allows students to pre-plan their college careers extending to a master's degree," said Dean Hansen. "These two agreements create a seamless transi-

tion from an undergraduate program at the University of Maine in Presque Isle to Husson University."

This is the first time UMPI and Husson have established articulation agreements and officials hope to see collaborative work that will benefit their students, and further increase transferability, in the future.

"This is the first of what we hope is a continuing partnership," Provost Rice said. "Our collaborative work with Husson provides our students with an efficient, cost-effective, and local way to move on to a master's degree and achieve their higher education goals.

Both articulation agreements describe the course of study students need to follow at UMPI in order to complete their graduate work at Husson in a compressed time frame. Students would apply to the programs during the second semester of their junior year. ★



Officials from UMPI and Husson University signed two agreements to increase transferability for UMPI students who want to continue on to a master's degree in criminal justice administration or a master's of business administration at Husson University. Pictured, from left, Jen Flynn, Husson's Presque Isle Campus Director; Dr. Marie Hansen, Husson's College of Business Dean; and Dr. Ray Rice, UMPI's Provost and Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs.



## UMPI announced Distinguished Alumni awardees

The University and the Alumni Association honored two alumni with awards of distinction during Homecoming 2014 activities held the Sept. 18-21 weekend.

Alumnus **Arthur “Skip” Hanson** was honored with the Distinguished Educator Award, presented to an alum who has received ongoing recognition as an outstanding educator. Alumna Virginia Joles received the Distinguished Alumni Award, presented to an alum who has received professional recognition that has reflected positively on the University.

Hanson graduated from Aroostook State Teacher’s College in 1966 with a Bachelor’s degree in Education. He went on to earn his Master’s degree in education from the University of Maine, and his Doctorate in educational leadership



*Arthur “Skip” Hanson*

from Nova Southeastern University in Davie, Florida. He has done post-doctoral work at Harvard University. For the past several years, he has served as the New Hampshire liaison for the New England Secondary School Consortium.

He worked as a teacher, coach, athletic director, principal, assistant superintendent, and superintendent in the Maine public school system for 34 years and then became superintendent of School Administrative Union 16 in New Hampshire for 11 years after that.



*Virginia Joles*

His community and professional service include: Rotary International, Stratham Community College President’s Leadership Council, and various state and national education committees.

Also recognized was **Virginia Joles**, who attended UMPI in 1966-67 with the intention of becoming a teacher, then accepted a summer job at Maine Public Service Company that lasted 46 years. She went back to school in 1982 and graduated with an Associate’s degree in Business

Management in 1986 and a Bachelor’s degree in Business Management/Journalism in 1992. She now works as TAMC Philanthropy Lead for the EMHS Foundation.

Joles has lived “service to community,” serving with many organizations including the United Way of Aroostook, Wintergreen Arts Center, Patriot Guard Riders, Maine Winter Sports Center, Northern Maine Community College Foundation, and Leaders Encouraging Aroostook Development. She is the recipient of the Central Aroostook Chamber of Commerce’s 2013 Lifetime Achievement award.

Joles is also a trailblazer—in 1987, she became one of the first two women inducted into the Presque Isle Rotary Club, and later served as the club’s first female president in 1995-1996. ★

## UMPI one of 20 tapped for national network

Officials with UMPI are working with the nation’s top Competency-Based Education leaders—to establish shared guiding principles for the learning approach and offer recommendations that will help other institutions develop competency-based degree programs of their own—after being selected as one of only 20 institutions nationwide to participate in the Competency-Based Education Network [C-BEN].

C-BEN is a three-year effort coordinated by the national nonprofit research and public engagement organization

Public Agenda and funded by the Lumina Foundation, the nation’s largest private foundation focused solely on increasing Americans’ success in higher education.

“Competency-based education is quite a hot topic in higher ed right now and the Competency-Based Education Network is the nation’s most closely-watched effort to define the learning approach and give institutions across the country a blueprint for developing high quality CBE programs,” UMPI President Linda Schott said. “We are so pleased to have been selected as one of the handful



of institutions nationwide to contribute to this effort and will be sharing our best thinking around competency-based education and UMPI’s particular focus on our proficiency-based education initiative.”

University officials hope their participation in the group will allow them to gain important insight about competency-based education that will help them to further refine their proficiency-based education efforts. ★



## UMPI, Wintergreen present color-filled 5K

The University and the Wintergreen Arts Center teamed up to present one of The County's most unique and fun-filled 5K fundraisers—the Second Annual Color Presque Isle 5K, where participants dressed in white and were showered with colored powder throughout the course. The event, which served as a benefit for arts programming in downtown Presque Isle, was held on Aug. 30 and raised more than \$15,000.

Last year's incredibly successful inaugural event—the first of its kind held in Aroostook County—saw over 400 people of all ages, sizes and running abilities take to the course, and this year's event saw another great turnout.

Similar to other runs that have happened across the nation, this event involved volunteers dropping colored powder—it's cornstarch-based, non-toxic and non-allergenic—on participants at various spots throughout the course, which stretched from Riverside Park and follows the City of Presque Isle's bike path down Chapman Street, around the UMPI campus and back to Riverside.

Event organizers were pleased to have the Presque Isle Downtown Revitalization Committee and Presque Isle Healthy Maine Streets program serve as the lead sponsor for the event. This year's Blue level sponsors were MMG Insurance, UMPI's Student Activities Office, and TAMC. This year's Yellow Sponsors were Huber Engineered Woods and Northern Athletic Supply.

Other local businesses stepped up to help fill 400 swag bags that were handed out to participants and this year's T-shirts were given out to the event's first 250 registrants.

This year's course featured four water stop areas, sponsored by local

businesses and staffed with teams of volunteers dressed up to reflect specific themes. In addition, local photographers were taking photos throughout the course. Selected photos will be featured in an exhibit this coming

winter at the Wintergreen Arts Center. At the finish line, refreshments and water provided by TAMC awaited partic-



About 400 people participated in this year's Color Presque Isle 5K, which raised \$15,000 for arts programming in downtown Presque Isle.

ipants and at the event's end, all participants and organizers took part in a giant color throw. ★

### Third annual Youth Triathlon a success



Organizers of the 2014 REDY . . . Set . . . Let's Go! Youth Triathlon are pleased with the results of this year's third annual triathlon, which featured beautiful weather and smiling youth triathletes.

Held on the UMPI campus on Sept. 7, the REDY . . . Set . . . Let's Go! Youth Triathlon is a partnership of Healthy Aroostook, a program of the Aroostook County Action Program; TAMC and UMPI.

The triathletes, ages 7 to 14, completed the traditional three legs of a triathlon. They began with the swim portion in the Gentile Hall pool, navigated a bicycle course through the heart of the campus, and finished with the run portion that ended at the Park Family Field. Triathletes between the ages of 7 and 10 swam 50 yards, biked 2 miles, and ran one-half mile. Participants between the ages of 11 and 14 swam 100 yards, biked 2.5 miles, and ran 1 mile.

"REDY" is not, in fact, a misspelling but the name of the well-known mascot of Let's Go 5-2-1-0, a nationally recognized youth obesity prevention program that has partners throughout Maine. The popular figure was present at the event to encourage the participating youth to stay active, eat a healthy diet, and avoid spending too much time in front of the television.

The event supports the principles of obesity prevention developed by Let's Go! 5-2-1-0. A 2010 study commissioned by EMHS, MaineGeneral Health, and MaineHealth found that Aroostook County has the highest percentage of overweight high school students in the state. The local effort is headed up by Healthy Aroostook and EMHS in collaboration with other community partners including TAMC, schools, workplaces, and others. ★



# UMPI receives \$50,000 NEA grant

The University has been awarded a \$50,000 grant from the National Endowment for the Arts to assist in the creation of the region's very first facility dedicated to the visual arts. The University has been working with the Wintergreen Arts Center, the City of Presque Isle, building owners, and several other partners to establish the Northern Maine Center for the Cultural Arts.

"We couldn't be more pleased about receiving this kind of support and recognition from the National Endowment for the Arts," UMPI President Linda Schott said. "Our project is all about working together with local partners to provide arts-focused activities and opportunities in the downtown that will benefit the region in a variety of ways and we're very excited to have an Our Town grant—only the third awarded in Maine and the first-ever to a Maine college or university—to help us do that."

The project is one way the University is fulfilling its new Strategic Plan—which calls for UMPI to stimulate economic development and provide meaningful service to the region and also promote the revitalization of downtown Presque Isle—as well as meeting its new mission, which includes enhancing the

region's quality of life through activities like cultural programming.

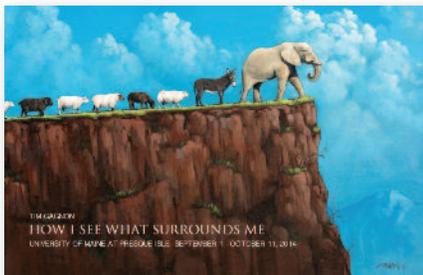
Project officials envision the facility as a cultural space that fosters community interaction, a doorway to visual arts that aren't typically available locally, and an incubator for artists. In addition, this project, coupled with efforts like the University's recent acquisition of art by renowned sculptor Bernard Langlais—which has made Presque Isle one of the places to visit on the Langlais Art Trail—encourages cultural tourism that helps Presque Isle to stand out as a destination for the arts.

Our Town grant funding will help to launch the NMCCA, support high profile programming for the arts, provide salaries for staffing, and engage community partners in developing a five-year cultural plan for Presque Isle. It will also allow the University to work collaboratively with Wintergreen and the community by bringing to The County an artist who will seek assistance from community members in the creation of a public art installation at the site. ★



# Reed Gallery presents Tim Gagnon exhibit

The Reed Fine Art Gallery will present *How I See What Surrounds Me* by Tim Gagnon from Sept. 1 through Oct. 11, 2014. The public is invited to view the exhibition throughout the show's run.



The Reed Gallery is proud to present the work of painter Tim Gagnon, an Aroostook County native whose work is far reaching: in 2012, he was named one of the Top 50 Emerging Artists by *Art Business News*. His work is collected across the nation and in 30 countries

around the world. In 2011, he was the Art Expo Challenge Winner out of 700 artists.

A former UMPI Fine Art student, Gagnon's work draws from his mind, often reflecting his love for nature.

Gagnon's exhibit will feature a cross section of his current body of work. His paintings often include rich landscapes, vibrant in color, but suggestive of memories and emotional attachments. He is often inspired by The County. Reed Gallery Director Heather Sincavage states, "Tim Gagnon is a prime example of an artist making it on his own terms. Success is defined by his determination to make the non-conventional approach to the art career work—and he does that while staying here in Aroostook County."

Aside from being a successful painter, Gagnon is an accomplished painting instructor. While he offers many

workshops live, around the country, he has a faithful following on his website where he offers painting instruction (and over 84,000 YouTube subscribers). For more information about Gagnon, visit his website at [www.timgagnon.com](http://www.timgagnon.com).

*How I See What Surrounds Me* will be open for the First Friday Art Walk on Oct. 3 from 5-7 p.m. Follow gallery happenings on the Reed Gallery Facebook page, [www.facebook.com/ReedArtGallery](http://www.facebook.com/ReedArtGallery). The public is encouraged to attend this free First Friday event. Light refreshments will be served.

The Reed Fine Art Gallery is open Monday through Saturday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The gallery is closed Sundays and University holidays. For more information about this event, please contact Sincavage at 768.9442 or [heather.sincavage@umpi.edu](mailto:heather.sincavage@umpi.edu). ★

# Sports! Sports! Sports!

## Two inducted into Hall of Fame



**A**s part of UMPI's Homecoming 2014 activities, the Induction of two UMPI Owl greats into the Athletic Hall of Fame took place. **Shawn Manter '93** and **Erica Davis '09** were honored during the Athletics Hall of Fame Dinner, held in the Campus Center on Sept. 20.

**MANTER** was outstanding on the hardwood for the Owls from 1990-1993. His aggressive slashing style of play allowed him to score more than 1,000 points in just three seasons of play on the highly competitive Karl Henrickson-led Presque Isle teams that competed for Northeast College Conference (NCC) championships in the early nineties.

Named to the NCC All-Freshman team in 1991, Manter's consistently outstanding play continued throughout his time as an Owl. In 1992, Manter was named honorable mention NCC All-Conference and, in 1993, he was UMPI MVP and NCC First-Team All-Conference.

Manter stayed in his native Aroostook County after graduation and has had a positive impact on the local economy, serving on the Maine Tourism

Commission and the Caribou Planning Board. In 2005, Manter was awarded the Aroostook Region State Tourism Award for regional promotion that "has resulted in the advancement of the Maine tourism industry."

**DAVIS** ranks as one of the most accomplished athletes to ever don the Blue & Gold. An All-American volleyball player in 2008-2009 and one of the finest basketball and softball players UMPI fans have ever witnessed, she also scored more than 1,000 points on the basketball court in only three seasons. Davis was a two-time winner of the UMPI Female Athlete of the Year and MVP of her volleyball and basketball teams each year she participated.

On the softball diamond, Davis was twice named to the NCAA AD3I All-Independent First-Team in 2008 and 2009. In



*Shawn Manter*

2008, at the AD3I Northeast Regional Tournament she hit .688 in five games, going 11-for-16 at the plate, including a 3-run homer and 10 RBI.

Her senior year was one of the finest basketball seasons ever compiled by an UMPI student-athlete. Davis earned First-team All-Conference spots on both the Sunrise Conference and NCAA AD3I squads. She led the entire state of Maine in scoring (20.6 ppg), rebounding (12.1 rpg) and steals (5.2



*Erica Davis*

ppg), while leading the Owls to a second place Sunrise Conference finish. That same year, Davis registered 15 double-doubles, scored more than 25 points seven times and set the UMPI single-game scoring record with 49 points. Her outstanding play in 2008-2009 was rewarded by being named the Association of Division III Independent National Co-Player of the Year. In all, Davis scored 1,193 career points in only three seasons of play. ★



**Maine Adventure Weekend** sponsored by the UMPI Outing Club Saturday, Sept. 27, **WHITEWATER RAFTING** (24 spots), and Sunday, Sept. 28, **CLIMB MT. KATAHDIN** (12 spots). Cost for UMPI students is \$25 for rafting only, or \$45 for rafting and hiking. Rafting is only offered every other year. Sign up now! Contact Amanda Baker at 768-9401 or [amanda.g.baker@umpi.edu](mailto:amanda.g.baker@umpi.edu).



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**SAGE kicks off fall class offerings**

A University program that serves local residents over 50 and believes in "learning for life" hosted its fall kick-off event Sept. 19 in the Campus Center.



Membership in Seniors Achieving Greater Education [SAGE] is \$17 per semester or \$32 for the year.

Participants had the opportunity to socialize with SAGE members and learn all about upcoming SAGE classes. This fall,

SAGE officials are offering 19 courses and learning excursions – on topics ranging from winemaking and getting started in ham radio - to fear of falling and a day at the movies. Learning excursions include trips to the Mark and Emily Turner Library in Presque Isle, Aroostook National Wildlife Refuge and University of Maine Cooperative Extension. There are additional fees for some field trips and some hands-on courses. Refreshments were served followed by brief presentations by the learning facilitators. FMI, contact Mary Lawrence at 768.9502.

**UMPI hosts management courses**

The University is offering two courses this fall as part of its American Management Association's certificate programs. The two



courses are "Fundamentals of Human Resources" and "What Managers Do." These courses

are part of a multi-course curriculum leading to Certificates in Management and Human Resources Management and are specifically created to meet the unique needs of working professionals who want to be more effective in their current positions and better prepared for future advancement. FMI, contact Keith Madore at 768.9568.

**Chinese students participate in camp**

In August, UMPI hosted 10 high school students from China, providing them with a variety of activities, both academic and recreational to give them a feel for The County as well as what it is like at an American university. The students had a math class with Dr. Zhu-qi Lu, English with Dr. Deb Hodgkins, and ceramics with Hyrum Benson. They also enjoyed time at Gentile Hall, shopping at the mall, movie night at the Braden Theatre, a lobster dinner at Kelley Commons, a canoe trip on Presque Isle Stream and a bonfire and s'mores. The students also enjoyed a chance to use the High Ropes Course with Amanda Baker. They definitely got to explore some of what UMPI and The County have to offer!

**UMPI celebrates Constitution Day**

UMPI celebrated the 227th birthday of the signing of the U.S. Constitution with a presentation titled *Constitutional Rights: Past, Present, and Future* on Wednesday, Sept. 17 in the Allagash Room of the Campus Center. The presentation, by Dr. Brent Andersen, assistant professor of political science (adjunct), explored how constitutional



rights, as interpreted and applied by the Supreme Court, Congress, and the presidency, have protected individuals against state government infringement on those rights.

**UMPI students promote EMMC Acute Rehab unit**

Two UMPI students were able to get real-world experience creating promotional materials for a hospital-based rehabilitation unit in Bangor, and have that unit use their work, as part of their fieldwork practicum in Professional Communication and



Journalism. Ben Pinette and Kathi Jandreau, both senior English/PCJ majors hailing from Caribou, were able to create promotional videos, brochures and a booklet during the spring semester for Eastern Maine Medical Center Inpatient Acute Rehabilitation. The plan is for the Rehab Unit to use the items alongside its other promotional materials to help patients, visitors and the general public understand and acclimate to the unit. They were assisted by Dr. Jacqui Lowman, Associate Professor of Professional Communication and Journalism and Lisa Fortier, an LSW with the Maine Rehabilitation Center.

**ENV Seminar held**

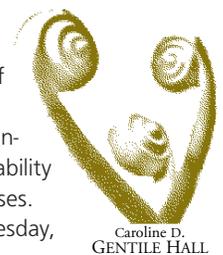
Guleed Ali, a Ph.D. candidate at Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory, Columbia University, did a presentation on Sept. 11 on his research dealing with water balance, past, present, and future in

the Great Basin – specifically the Mono Lake Basin. Ali is part of the UM/LDEO/UNV-Reno research team working on the Great Basin. Hank Meyer, UMPI Environmental Studies student, conducted field work on the project this past summer. Ali is a doctoral candidate studying geochemistry, specifically geochronology, and a colleague of UMPI professor, Dave Putnam.



**UMPI offers Week of Wellness**

As part of Gentile Hall's Week of Wellness celebration Sept. 23-25, there will be various free sessions, all in Gentile Hall, that are open to all. On Tuesday, Sept. 23, the public is invited to try out the strength machines in the fitness center from 8:30 – 11:30 a.m. and then from Noon – 2 p.m., there will be a free 2-hour fitness frenzy of 40 minutes of Interval Step, 40 minutes of Fit Camp, and 30 minutes of Stability Ball exercises. On Wednesday, Sept. 24 every-



Caroline D. GENTILE HALL

one can participate in free Fitness Assessments from 8:30 – 10:30 a.m. and 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. in Gentile Hall. The assessments will consist of body fat, circumference, flexibility, and strength. On Thursday, Sept. 25, the community is invited to a nutritional presentation on Cooking Healthy on a Budget from 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. in the Alumni Room in the Campus

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Center. All of these events are free and open to the public. FMI, contact Keli Marston at 768.9773.

### Women, Work and Community moves to South Hall

Women, Work and Community's Aroostook County center moved to South Hall here on campus in August. WWC is the only

statewide organization offering skills development and support in the areas of career planning, entrepreneurship and financial management. For Mainers in both life and career transitions, it provides an empowering environment for participants to define and achieve their goals. Welcome to Suzanne Senechal Jandreau, Regional Manager/Workforce Development, and Erica Quin-Easter, Microenterprise Specialist.

### UMPI hosts Make-A-Wish Walk

The University will host a Make-A-Wish Walk on Thursday, Sept. 25 starting at 6 p.m. in the Campus Center. Check-in and on-site registration begins at 5 p.m. Make-A-Wish grants the wishes of Maine children with life-threatening medical conditions. Since 1992, it has granted more than 1,100 wishes to Maine children. On average, each wish granted to a Maine child costs \$6,000 and one occurs every five days. This event is open to the public. Adults raising at least \$100 and youths under 18 raising at least \$50 will receive a free

"Walk For Wishes" T-shirt. To register, donate, and get more details, please visit [www.maine.wish.org](http://www.maine.wish.org) or call 221.2306.

### UMPI celebrates Gay Awareness Days

UMPI will celebrate Gay Awareness Days Oct. 6-8 with keynote speaker Ayrca LeStrange on Tuesday, Oct. 7 at 7:15 pm in the Campus Center.

Her topic will be *Transgender in the Workplace*. Learn the legalities of what it means to be Transgender, how Trans\* folk can advocate for themselves, and how to be allies to Trans\* folk in the workplace; explore gender stereotypes and how to deal with dress codes and codes of behavior expected at various job sites. Ayrca grew up in Mississippi and moved to Maine in 2004, attended UM-Machias where she was a Resident Assistant, and now holds a Cosmetology License. Oct. 6 will feature a series of short plays in the Owls Nest, and Oct. 8 is the annual "Gay Blue Jeans/Dress Down" Day, showing support for equality.

### Presque Isle Community Players present Dinner Theater

The Presque Isle Community Players, in partnership with UMPI, will host the 2014 Dinner Theater titled "A Celebration of the Singer-Songwriter" on Fridays and Saturdays, Oct. 10 & 11 and Oct. 17 & 18 in the Campus



Center. On opening night, Oct. 10, Social Hour is at 6 p.m., the performance is at 7 p.m., and delicious desserts, coffee and tea will be served at intermission; the cost is \$17. For the Oct. 11, 17 and 18 performances, Social Hour is at 6 p.m., dinner at 7 p.m., and the performance at 8 p.m.; the cost is \$28. Tickets are available at the Aroostook Centre Mall, Goin' Postal in Presque Isle and the UMPI Campus Store. FMI, contact Mary Lawrence, 768.9502 or [mary.l.lawrence@umpi.edu](mailto:mary.l.lawrence@umpi.edu).

### Quilt blocks crop up in The County

In August, the Houlton Higher Education Center in Houlton hosted the Friends and Needles Quilt Guild of Houlton for their annual quilt show. Most people associate quilt squares with lovely patterns that are sewn together to make a warm, col-

orful cover for a bed or rack.

But many may not know quilt squares can also be found adorning barns and buildings on a much larger scale. That is the premise of the Northern Maine Quilt Barn Trail project, which features large wooden blocks, typically four-foot square, painted to look like squares on a quilt, that are then hung on barns and other structures to form a trail for people to view. The first block, marking the start of the Aroostook County trail, is located at Rather-B-Quilting, 224 B Road, owned by Peggy Crane. One of the "barn quilt blocks" was erected on a shed at the HHEC recently. FMI, to see where all of the blocks are, go to [www.friendsandneedles.org](http://www.friendsandneedles.org) or follow them on Facebook. ★



### Personalized Learning Experience for AT Student in East Africa

UMPI Athletic Training student and Women's Basketball Captain Brigitte Pratt had never been on an airplane and had never been out of the U.S. That all changed for her this summer when she travelled with advisor and coordinator, Shirley Rush, for a three week internship in Tanzania. Ms. Pratt was a trailblazer in the Athletic Training Program's newly developed international clinical opportunity at Kilimanjaro Christian Medical Centre in Moshi, Tanzania. Brigitte observed in a number of hospital departments and spent three days at a community based organization that serves the needs of children with special medical conditions. She observed intensive family education, physiotherapeutic exercises for the children and participated in home visits located in remote areas. On her final day she gave a presentation to the physiotherapy students and preceptors about Athletic Training and the UMPI program.





## activities 09.22-10.21.2014

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SEPT 21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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19	20	21	22	23	24	25

### SEPT 22

#### 100% Society mtg

5pm, Alumni Room

#### CRU Leadership

mtg 6pm, Owl's Nest

### SEPT 23

#### DLS speaker Eliot

Coleman 7pm, MPR

### SEPT 24

#### Lunch with the

Dean 12pm, Alumni Room ■ Kappa

History Night 6pm, CC118

### SEPT 25

#### SEAM mtg

12:30pm, Alumni Room ■ SOSW mtg 12:30pm, CC118 ■

#### Make-A-Wish Walk

6pm, MPR ■ Games Club mtg 6:30pm,

Owl's Nest

### SEPT 26

#### Warmachine mtg

6:30pm, CC118

### SEPT 27

#### Live Action Role

Playing 6:30pm, Pull 112, 113, & Fols105

### SEPT 29

#### CRU Leadership mtg

6pm, Owl's Nest

### OCT 2

#### SEAM mtg

12:30pm, Alumni Room ■ SOSW mtg 12:30pm, CC118 ■

#### Games Club mtg

6:30pm, Owl's Nest ■ DaPonte String

Quartet 7pm,

Wieden Auditorium

### OCT 3

#### Warmachine mtg

6:30pm, CC118

### OCT 6

#### Dinner with the

Dean 5pm, Allagash Room ■ 100%

#### Society mtg 5pm

Alumni Room ■

#### CRU Leadership mtg

6pm, Owl's Nest ■

#### Gay Awareness Days

#### Short Play 7pm,

Owls Nest

### OCT 7

#### Gay Awareness Days

#### Keynote Speaker

Ayrcia LeStrange "Transgender in the Workplace" 7:15pm, MPR

### OCT 8

#### Gay Awareness Day

#### Blue Jeans/Dress

#### Down Day

in support of equality, campus-wide

### OCT 9

#### SOSW mtg

12:30pm, CC118 ■

#### Games Club mtg

6:30pm, Owl's Nest

### OCT 10

#### PI Community

#### Players Dinner

Theater 6pm, MPR

#### Warmachine mtg

6:30pm, CC118

### OCT 11

#### PI Community

#### Players Dinner

Theater 6pm, MPR

#### Live Action Role

Playing 6:30pm, Pull 112, 113, & Fols105

### OCT 13

#### Columbus Day

offices closed ■ Fall

#### Break begins

### OCT 15

#### Classes resume ■

#### Dinner with the

Dean 5pm, CC118

### OCT 16

#### SEAM mtg

12:30pm, Owl's

Nest ■ SOSW mtg

12:30pm, CC118 ■

#### Games Club mtg

6:30pm, Owl's Nest

### OCT 17

#### PI Community

#### Players Dinner

Theater 6pm, MPR

#### Warmachine mtg

6:30pm, CC118

### OCT 18

#### PI Community

#### Players Dinner

Theater 6pm, MPR

### OCT 20

#### 100% Society mtg

5pm, Alumni Room

#### CRU Leadership

mtg 6pm, Owl's

Nest

### OCT 21

#### DLS speaker John

#### Paul Caponigro

7pm, MPR ★

## IN MEMORIUM

UMPI would like to mark the passing of three members of the campus community:

HERB NIGHTINGALE, Director of Physical Plant for 28 years

RICHARD AYRE, Professor of Sociology and Criminal Justice for 26 years

CHARLES JOHNSON, an Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice for 3 years.

## We want to hear about your news & events!

If you would like to submit an item for the October 2014 issue, the deadline for submissions is 4:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 29. Submissions received after that date may not be included.

Email news or event information to: [gshaw@umpi.edu](mailto:gshaw@umpi.edu).

### BoomerTECH Adventures is coming to UMPI

Thursday, Oct. 16: BoomerTECH Adventures will offer two workshops in the Campus Center to assist Boomers and Seniors in online digital training.

"Getting the Most Out of Your iPad/iPhone" will help you feel more confident using the many functions of those devices, is at 9 a.m. "Staying Connected Via Video Conferencing," is at 1 p.m. Cost: \$50 for either session, \$80 for both. Register at:

[boomertechadventures.com/workshops-2/](http://boomertechadventures.com/workshops-2/) or contact Ed Braze:

[ed@boomertechadventures.com](mailto:ed@boomertechadventures.com), 207.200.3013.

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